

**Arizona State Trapshooting Association**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**  
**Saturday, May 9, 2009**  
**Casa Grande Trap Club**

**AGENDA**

- Schedule Shoot Dates for 2010 Target Year

**In Attendance:**

**ASTA Directors:**

**Zone A** - Larry Mane, John Scanlon, Betty Sackett, **Zone B** –, Richard Lockett, **Zone C** – George Miller, Tim Robb, Steve Long  
**Absent:** Michael Braegelmann, Doug Sims

**Club Representatives:**

**Ben Avery:** Dan Twitchell, Bill Kelsey - **Casa Grande:** Don & Tiger Volz, Laurie Lyons - **Double Adobe:** None -  
**Garden Canyon:** Rod Ritter, Art Nash - **Lake Havasu City:** Dates received via e-mail - **Mohave Sportsman's Club:**  
Dates will be sent via e-mail - **Pleasant Valley:** Dates received via e-mail - **Tucson:** Rob Townsend, Scott  
McClelland – **White Mountain:** Dates received via e-mail.

**ASTA Members:** Steve Neumann, Beth Shotwell, **Guests:** Mary Long

President Mane called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM. President Mane explained that the usual procedure is to set the Spring Grand and State Shoot dates first, and then continue starting with September dates. He also explained that requested shoot dates must first have ASTA approval *prior* to submission to the ATA and this includes Satellite Grand dates.

Tucson plans to hold the 2010 Spring Grand the week of February 22-28, a week later than usual as they want to have a “pre-Spring Grand” shoot the week of February 15.

Tucson also requested moving the 2009 Autumn Grand to the week of November 9 versus the week of November 2. President Mane questioned why they wanted to change the dates and again, their reason was a desire to host a “pre Autumn Grand” shoot the week prior. Discussion ensued as to the merit of moving this shoot at this time as these dates have been published (ATA web site) and many people have already made plans around the approved dates of November 2-8. It was felt it would be a mistake to change the dates at this late date and that if they wanted to change the Autumn Grand dates, they should wait until 2010. However, President Mane and other board members cited numerous reasons as to why they felt the dates should not change to a later week. After further discussion, Tucson agreed to leave the 2009 Autumn Grand dates unchanged.

Due to the closure of Red Mountain, Tucson Trap & Skeet Club will host the 2010 State Shoot the week of March 22. This is a week earlier than 2009, however, necessary due to Easter falling on April 4 in 2010.

Shoot dates in January, February and March presented several conflicts between Ben Avery, Casa Grande and Tucson. In January, Casa Grande wanted three weeks, Tucson two weeks, Ben Avery one week. In February, Ben Avery, Tucson and Casa Grande each wanted two weeks, however, because of the Spring Grand date change, that eliminated one of the weeks Casa Grande wanted. In March, Ben Avery and Casa Grande wanted two weeks and Tucson wanted a week in addition to the state shoot.

Much discussion ensued between the clubs and the Board of Directors regarding working out the schedule to ensure it was equitable for all – not only the clubs, but also the shooters. Tucson requested an additional week in January they had not had previously, which was the same week Ben Avery wanted. Neither club wanted to give that week up, however, it was felt there would be no problem with both clubs scheduling the same week. This would give shooters more options.

February presented a problem with three clubs, Tucson, Casa Grande and Ben Avery each wanting the week before the Spring Grand. Casa Grande had it last year and wanted it again. This week has rotated in the past and Ben Avery felt they should have it this time. Tucson remained firm in their request for that week, which gives Tucson two weeks back to back during the chain. Again, much

discussion took place regarding the same club having two weeks in a row during the Winter Chain. Several concerns were brought up regarding back-to-back weeks at Tucson, including high hotel costs for two weeks for those without RV's and the fact that it could preclude many local shooters from shooting that week. Nevertheless, Tucson said that having a "pre Spring Grand" was something they wanted to try. It was finally resolved that Tucson and Casa Grande would have the week before the Spring Grande.

Casa Grande and Ben Avery worked together on switching their January and February dates. Ben Avery took the week prior to the State Shoot since Casa Grande had the week before the Spring Grand. Ben Avery and Casa Grande agreed that in the 2011 target year, Ben Avery would have the week prior to the Spring Grand (whether or not Tucson has that week) and Casa Grande would take the week before the State Shoot. In fairness to all, the consensus was that in future years the week before the Spring Grand and the week before the State Shoot should rotate between the clubs not hosting the respective shoots. To further assist with the March conflicts, Tucson removed their request for the week of March 8.

Garden Canyon scheduled the 2010 Western Zone shoot in July, but the exact dates need confirmation. White Mountain scheduled only one shoot in August of 2010. Steve Long mentioned he would check with Pleasant Valley to see if they may be interested in scheduling additional dates during the summer due to White Mountain only having one shoot.

George Miller spoke briefly about the possibility of holding some Big50 shoots at Prescott.

President Mane thanked the Casa Grande folks for their "hospitality" and providing the meeting location.

Tim Robb made a motion to adjourn at 1:25 PM, seconded by Richard Lockett

Respectfully submitted

Betty A. Sackett  
Secretary/Treasurer